a Special Officer may be deputed to inspect the lands included in the Reserve Lists to ascertain the income derived therefrom during the past 20 years, and that such of them as are not yielding any excise revenue to Government may be granted for cultivation.

Reply of Government.—It is under contemplation to revise the list of Date Reserves. Lands which are not really wanted will be thrown open to cultivation. Special cases may be brought at once to the notice of the local officers, so that they may make the lands available without delay, if there is no objection otherwise.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Lands for cardamom cultivation.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad taluk.

(1) *Summary of discussion.*—Large tracts of land are being given away by the Forest Department for cardamom cultivation. If similar arrangements are made by the Revenue Department, the poor raiyats would be much benefited.

(2) It is prayed that tracts in the Manjarabad taluk lying to the west of the ghats may be given out for cardamom cultivation.

(3) Except paddy and coffee no staple food grains are grown in the malnad. Poor people find it difficult to get other necessaries for want of funds. It is prayed that they may be granted small bits of suitable land near their villages in the areas within which cardamom cultivation is now prohibited.

(4) When waste coffee lands are disposed of by auction under Coffee Rules, *saguvali* chits are issued on the express condition that no other crop should be raised and a *mutchalika* is also taken to that effect. It is prayed that this restriction may be removed. There are certain lowlying lands included in these estates which are only fit for cardamom cultivation and the present restriction is therefore very prejudicial.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 74.

Removal of restriction *re* erection of buildings on *khate* lands.

Mr. Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The restriction imposed on the raiyats in constructing buildings on their *khate* lands has been the cause of damage and loss of crops grown by the raiyats. This should be removed.

In seasons of plague special facilities should be given for constructing neat houses.

Reply of Government.—There is no objection even now to the construction of farm houses and temporary structures.

SUBJECT No. 75.

Change of assessment on lands during periods of water scarcity.

(1) Messrs. Chik Ramanna and Byre Gowda, Kolar taluk, Khadrepps,

Summary of discussion.—(1) (*a*) Under the present system, the raiyats have to pay the assessment whether they get any crops or not. In the latter case, the raiyats have to pay the assessment either by selling their cattle or contracting debts. It is prayed that orders may be

Sidlaghatta taluk, Rama Rao, Malur taluk, Krishnamurthya Char, Mulbagal taluk, Sura Sastri, Chikballapur taluk, and Mallesiah, Kolar municipality.

(2) Mr. Seenappa, Hoskote taluk, and

3) Messrs. Narayanasetti and Srikantayya, Maddagiri taluk, Ramanujaiengar and Hutchaveere Gowda, Gubbi taluk.

passed for the remission of wet assessment, whenever the tanks do not fill. In certain parts of the Bangalore and the Kolar districts, the rains have failed during the last 3 years and this year the rains being late the people are not likely to get good crops and they will be put to considerable difficulties in paying the assessment.

(*b*) Rules should be framed for the grant of *Tari Banjar* remission during distress.

(2) It is prayed that half the wet assessment may be remitted in the case of wet lands left uncultivated for want of water.

(3) It is prayed that dry assessment may be levied on wet lands during the years in which tanks do not receive adequate supply of water.

Reply of Government.—Noted.—The assessment which is now charged has been fixed after taking into consideration both good and bad years, and remissions cannot be given unless there is wide-spread distress.

SUBJECT No. 76.

Grant of wet lands at dry rates under the tanks in disrepair.

Mr. Hampiah, Sidlaghatta municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Wet lands under tanks in disrepair may be granted for cultivation temporarily at dry rates for dry cultivation for five years at least.

Reply of Government.—A report will be called for from the Deputy Commissioner as to whether arrangements may not be made to give these lands for *eksal* cultivation on dry assessment.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Levy of assessment.

Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The wet rate should be levied only on so much of the *atchkat* as is irrigable by the water in the tank and the dry assessment should be levied on the rest.

Reply of Government.—The best plan is to repair the tank. If any lands become permanently unfit for wet cultivation, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner for taking necessary action. The lands will also be reclassified at the resurvey.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Removal of lantana.

Mr. Hanumanthayya, Tarikere municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made to remove lantana from private holdings as it is a source of nuisance to neighbouring land-holders.

The mover and *Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao* suggested that there should be legislation to prevent the planting of lantana hedges. Unless lantana is thoroughly rooted out, it sprouts again more luxuriantly next year.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya said that the work should be attended to by the village committees.

Another member observed that lantana on Government lands should first be removed.

Note.—The sense of the meeting was against legislation.

Reply of Government.—Noted.